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SPEECH

before the Kings MAJESTY and
both *Houses* in the High Court of *Parliament*.

Concerning His Majesties Reigne with the

Bishops,
Judges,
&
Peeres of the Land.

With
The Kings Majesties Speech, or Charge to the Speaker.



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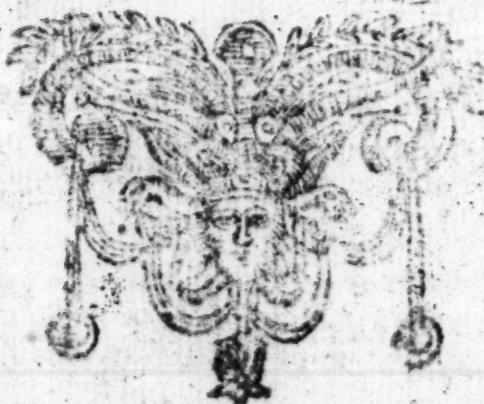
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THE

Lord Keeper His Noble Speech

In Parliament.



Hen did ever King of this
Kingdome , sit in white
robes so long yeeres to-
gether, & scarce any one
made to ffeele the sensible
stroake of the Axe, nor
blood drawne, but in p-
erty and particular causes.

Mr. Speaker, It was a good wish, and I will joyne
with you in it with all my heart ; that they may be
cursed and anathematized by the Parliament, by all
the Kingdome, and by all succeeding Ages, that goe
about in the least way to innovate or alter any thing
in that happy government.

The Commons applauding his Lordships expressi-
on with a generall bygme, His Lordship pro-
ceeded.

It is a joyfull acclamation, and I doubt not, but that

your hearts are full: and certainly you my Lords, and you of the house of Comons, will easily know, that those that are of that spirit, and that disposition, will for ever rule all their behavours, and all their actions into Reales, and into Cades principles, which is to ruine the Nobility, to ruine the Gentry, to tune and eat up one another.

Mr. Speaker, you have lifted up your Contemplations, and raised them on five excellent pillars.

do That of religion, you doe well in the first place to begin with; for certainly, it is that which must season all our other blessings: and it is that, to wch we ought to ascribe the great happinesses, that wee have so long enjoyed. In that, with great judgment and discretion, you fixe your eye and your case up on the reverend prelats, that assist his Majesty on his right hand. Certainly to them, and to their Predecessors we owe the due preservation of the Gospell, in that purity and sincerity that now we enjoy it.

Let any man but looke backe, from the first of Queens *Elisabeth*, and somewhat before to these times, and see to whom we owe it most.

The Prophet *Elizba*, when he had *Elias* spirit doubled upon him, he tooke up his Mantle, and there are golden Candlesticks, and there are gards of Saphire, and Oarke, and other rich stones spoken of, as well in the new Testament, as in the old. And God forbid, that wee should live to see God, that is the God of decency, served in such sort and manner, as Plow-men come home from their ploughes.

Mr. Speaker, you shall not need to doubt, but that his

introduction which I have abridged before, will

make you understand the meaning of the

his Majesties pious example vnpresidened by a King (if I should say by any man I should not say anasse) will give you for the house of Commons, and all the world, cause to rest confident, and most assured of his zeale and constancy in the Religion which hee professeth; to which nothing within, or without the Kingdome hath ever found to move.

In the next place, you looke upon the Judges and Sages of the Law, and well you may, persons for gravity and for learning: certainly not exceeded in any age. And for justice and integrity, I am sure if any of them be guilty of the least defect there in, they have the least reason reason to be excused for it, that ever Judges in any time or age. They have the example of the King, they have the freedome of his royll Election, they havd received from time to time charge and command, that they should with equity, and with indifferency distribute that Justice committed to them: and so discharge the trust by God laid upon his Majestie, and by him transmitted to their dispensation.

For Chivalry, the next pillar on which you set up the Trophies of honour, the Grandees, and great Lords of this Kingdome. You behold them in number I thinke, far greater then ever their Ancestors were: and I doubt not, but their courage is every way equall, and I assure my selfe, they will never forget the famous Acts, that have left them honorable to all posterity, nor doe the least thing that may deface the monumental name and accounts of them: or that may in the least kind staine their nobility and magnanimity.

For Cominsence, it is inoycertaine Mr Speaker,
it is the royll Mine of this Kingdome, the East &
West Indies of our Nation: and in that we have all
great cause to blesse God, and to give humble thanks
to his Majestie, that he takes such paines to maintain
and encourage it: that this Nation never had a more
flourishing time since the Conquest ^{is} then now it
hath.

There remaines but unity ^{is}, and as you say well,
without that we can never be happy ^{is}: I will but
turne your saying, you have said, *Si sumus insepara-
biles, sumus insuperabiles*, I will but say it is a bor-
rowed one; but it is a true one: and I will as soone
borrow that, *Si icollidimur, frangimur*.

Mr Speaker, let all the world avoid distrusts ^{as}
sure your selfe, there will not lacke out of malignant
and ill affectiōns, there will not lacke from pestilent
and peevish indeavours to make good their actions,
there will not lacke malicious ^{is} and ambitious spi-
rits, that may disjoyn and unknit his Majestie and
this House ^{is} only no intelligible out, yale vid C 15 E
And you of the House of Commons, you see his
Majestie hath gratiouly invited you hither ^{is} and let
me put you in minde, that you forget noe what was
said unto you, which howsorever I will repeat unto
you, that our may the better remembre ^{is} upo yvw

That there is nothing doth so much rale, a graci-
ous and good nature, as humble, sweet, and cheefull
expressions of affection, to commonall and sooth ysm

For your Petitions, his Majestie hath heard them
all, and grants them all, as fully and as freely, as ever

which his Predecessors did, or have any of his
predecessors before him done.

And therefore there remaines nothing now, but
that you goe on with cheerfulness, you goe on with
duty, you goe on with the expressions, that may re-
joyce the heart of so gracious, so just, and so good a
King; and that may be more then showers in the
drought, and heat of Summer to refresh and cheere
this Kingdome, and all his Majesties Dominions.

His Majesties SPEECH.

Mr. Speaker,

I Will onely say one word to you, now that you
are the Speaker, I command you to doe the Of-
fice of a Speaker; which is faithfully to report
the great cause of the meeting, that my Lord Keeper
in my name, did represent unto you the last day,
with this assurance, that you giving me your timely
helpe, in this great affaire, I shall give a willing eare
to all our just Grievances.



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